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From: sjokeeffe@gmail.com on behalf of Stephanie O'Keeffe [stephanie@okeeffe.com]
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 7:41 AM
To: Arcamo, Judith
Subject: Fwd: FW: walk for aphasia

Judith --

Please print for the packet. Thank you.

Stephanie

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From: Select Board <SelectBoard@amherstma.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 2, 2010 at 12:02 PM
Subject: FW: walk for aphasia
To: "Weiss, Gerald" <WeissG@amherstma.gov>, "Brewer, Alisa" <avbrewer@comcast.net>, stephanie@okeeffe.com, dstein@mtholyoke.edu, "Shaffer, Larry" <ShafferL@amherstma.gov>, "Hayden, Aaron" <aahayden@amherst.edu>

From: ljgriffi@student.umass.edu[SMTP:LJGRIFFI@STUDENT.UMASS.EDU]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 12:01:35 PM
To: Select Board
Subject: walk for aphasia
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Hello Ms. O'Keefe,

My name is Laura Griffin and I am a graduate student in the Communication Disorders department here at UMass. My classmates and I are organizing a Walk and Roll to benefit those with aphasia, and we were hoping that you may be able to assist us.

Aphasia is an impairment in the ability to speak, understand, read or write words. It is usually acquired as a result of stroke or other brain injury, and affects one in 250 Americans. This number is higher than those living with Parkinson's Disease, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, or Cerebral Palsy. The Walk and Roll for Aphasia will increase aphasia awareness in the Amherst community, and participants' fund-raising efforts and donations will benefit local aphasia outreach efforts and support clinical research in the Communication Disorders Department at UMass

Yesterday March 1, we met with Mike Wisemann who is head of Greek Affairs at UMass. Mike mentioned your name and said that you are not only chair of the select board but you are also involved with Amherst Friends of the Homeless and Shelter Sunday. My first question for you is, if we are asking for any parking restrictions/assistance (as many of the participants are restricted to a wheelchair and/or have reduced mobility) should we contact you directly or can we work things out with the Chief of Police (whom we are planning on meeting with next

monday to discuss)? Also, we were wondering if you and/or any of the organizations you are involved with would be willing to participate in our walk. In addition, we are open for any ideas or leads that you may offer.

Please let me know if this would be possible. I can be contacted by email at Laura19Griffin@gmail.com or lgriffi@student.umass.edu. Thank you so much for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,
Laura Griffin

Communication Disorders Graduate Student

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29 March 2010

Dear current member of the Amherst Select Board,

Graduate students in the department of Communication Disorders at the University of Massachusetts Amherst are coordinating a **Walk and Roll for Aphasia**, to take place on April 10 2010. As respected residents of the town of Amherst, we are seeking your support and help to make this event a success.

Aphasia is an impairment in the ability to speak, understand, read, and/or write, usually as a result of stroke. According to the American Heart Association, approximately every 40 seconds, someone has a stroke in the U.S., and about one fifth of these result in aphasia. It is *not* an impairment of intelligence, but losing the ability to communicate dramatically reduces a person's access to normal social, vocational, and recreational opportunities. In spite of the large number of people affected by stroke and aphasia, public awareness remains relatively low.

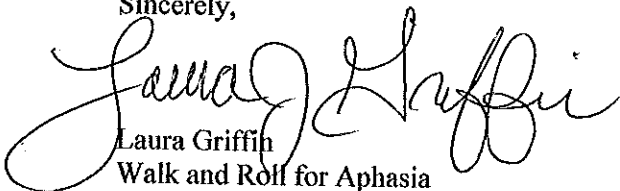
The **Walk and Roll for Aphasia** will increase aphasia awareness in the community, and participants' fundraising efforts and donations will benefit local aphasia outreach efforts and support clinical research in the department of Communication Disorders at UMass.

To maximize the success of our event, we are requesting if specific parking restrictions be taken into consideration. We have already met with the Amherst Chief of Police, Scott Livingstone, on March 12, 2010. Chief Livingstone has approved our request; however, we understand that it is up to the Select Board to make the final decision. Many of the participants are individuals with aphasia who are restricted to a wheelchair and/or lack mobility; therefore, we want to provide the best and safest accommodations for them. We are asking if it would be possible to reserve parking spots on Boltwood Ave. as well as parking in the lot between the North Common and the South Common.

On behalf of the students and the department of Communication Disorders, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you would like additional information, please contact me by any means below.

Sincerely,



Laura Griffin
Walk and Roll for Aphasia
Graduate Student Coordinator
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Aphasia Parking Request



- Property Map**
- ☐ Sidewalk
 - ☐ Transportation
 - ☐ Property Line
 - ☐ Hydrographic Report
 - ☐ Right of Way Line
 - ☐ Town Boundary
 - ☐ Other Property Line
 - ☐ Former Property Line
 - ☐ Subdivision Lot Line
 - ☐ Easements
- Basemap**
- ☐ Trails
 - ☐ Rail Lines
 - ☐ Structures
 - ☐ Building
 - ☐ Foundation or In canal
 - ☐ Outbuilding or Material
 - ☐ Deck, Porch, Stairs or
 - ☐ Mobile home, Trailer
 - ☐ Shed or outbuilding
 - ☐ Building Ruins
 - ☐ Water storage tank
 - ☐ Poles and Stearns
 - ☐ Spans
 - ☐ Major Canals
 - ☐ Hydro Connector
 - ☐ Headwall, Floodwall
 - ☐ Landcover
 - ☐ Bush and scrub veg
 - ☐ Tree and forest veg
 - ☐ Cultivated field
 - ☐ Gravel pit
 - ☐ Quarry
 - ☐ Miscellaneous Surf
 - ☐ Parking
 - ☐ Parking Pavd
 - ☐ Parking Unpaved
 - ☐ Driveways
 - ☐ Driveway Pavd
 - ☐ Driveway Unpaved

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